

REMARKS

Most of the amendments to the specification are directed to conforming the specification to itself, to resolve inconsistencies in the naming of certain elements, to correct grammatical errors, and to provide additional clarity. They introduce no new matter. The text added at page 78, line 24, is supported by Table 1 (page 34 of the specification) and Fig. 5a. Because this new text merely explains what was already present in the Table and Figure, this amendment introduces no new matter.

Formal drawings are provided. These drawings make minor corrections to the informal drawings originally filed, for instance to correct the inconsistency in the use of certain reference numbers.

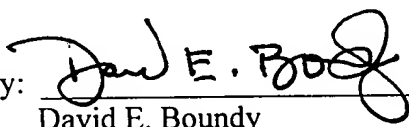
Applicant requests that the application be passed to issue in due course. The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account 50-0324, Order No. 30585/8.

Respectfully submitted,

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